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display the different camera symbols on the basis of the condition where the camera is used by another terminal or by user's own terminal or not used by anyone.

Please add new claims 25 and 26.

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25. (New) The camera control system according to claim 3, wherein said obtaining means periodically obtains information concerning statuses of cameras whose conditions changed.

26. (New) The camera control system according to claim 20, wherein said obtaining means periodically obtains information concerning statuses of cameras whose conditions changed.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 3-18 and 20-24 are currently pending in this application. Claims 3-10, 16, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan in view of Grieshaber. Claims 11-15, 17, and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan. By this amendment, claims 11-15, 17, 22 and 24 have been canceled, and claims 3, 20, 22 and 23 have been amended.

II. § 102 and § 103 Rejections

Amended independent claims 3 and 20 now recite an obtaining means for obtaining information concerning statuses of all usable cameras when the camera control system is started up and for obtaining information concerning statuses of cameras whose conditions changed after the information concerning statuses of all usable cameras is obtained. Morgan and Greishaber both fail to teach, disclose and suggest such an obtaining means. EPA 0513601 cited in applicant's IDS filed on January 27, 1999 also

failed to teach, disclose and suggest such an obtaining means. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 3 and 20 are patentable over Morgan, Greisshaber and EPA 0513601. Dependent claims 4-10 and 21, and new claims 25 and 26 are also patentable over Morgan, Greisshaber and EPA 0513601 for at least the reason stated above.

An aspect of the invention as recited in claim 22 allows a user to grasp use conditions of the camera at a glance by obtaining information concerning used statuses of the cameras and distinguishably displaying used statuses of at least two of the camera apparatuses on the basis of the condition where the camera apparatus is used by another terminal or by user's own terminal or not used by anyone.

In the cited reference Morgan, the icon 62 merely changes between "ON" and "OFF" on the basis of "ON" or "OFF" condition of the video cameras. The video cameras are switched between "ON" and "OFF" by the touch screen 30 of only one terminal (lines 1-48, column 5). In other words, the icon 62 changes on the basis of the condition of only one terminal, but does not change on the basis of the condition of the plurality of terminals. Therefore, Morgan does not teach, disclose or suggest camera-status display means recited in claim 22, and claim 22 is not anticipated by Morgan. Dependent claim 23 is also patentable over Morgan for at least the reason stated above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4253.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4253. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

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